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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN ASYLEE BANISHED TO SOUTHERN CHILE

REF: A) SANTIAGO 1520, B) LA PAZ 1518

1. CHILEAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAS BANISHED BOLIVIAN COLONEL JOSE PATINO AYOROA TO COYHAIQUE, A SMALL TOWN NEAR PUERTO AISEN IN SOUTHERN ARCHIPELAGIC CHILE. THE GOC SAID IT TOOK THIS STEP BECAUSE PATINO HAD CONTINUED TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN VIOLATION OF HIS ASYLEE STATUS.

2. REF A REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF 9 BOLIVIAN EXILES ON FEBRUARY 22, THEIR BRIEF STAY IN SANTIAGO AND DISPERSAL TO THREE SOUTHERN CHILEAN TOWNS. PATINO HAD GONE TO PUNTA ARENAS. WITHIN MONTHS THOSE WHO WISHED TO DO SO, INCLUDING PATINO, HAD DRIFTED BACK TO SANTIAGO WITH GOC ACQUIESCENCE.

3. WE HAVE SOME INDEPENDENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PATINO WAS LIVING UP TO LA PAZ' CHARACTERIZATION OF HIM AS AN "INVETERATE PLOTTER" (REF B). SOME WEEKS AGO WE WERE APPROACHED BY ANOTHER OF THE EXILES WHO ALLEGED TO BE ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PATINO. HE SAID PATINO WANTED TO MEET WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER AT A DISCREET LOCATION. WE DECLINED THE OFFER.

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